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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Dec 60	2. LOCATION 3915N 6400W (Wallops Island)	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 03/0202Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-3 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE S	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Sphere of very bright light, size of basketball orange center with blue rim. Trail of blue flame, length about 3 times diameter of object. No sound heard. Object similar to shooting star but much larger or like burning ball. Appeared 20° above horizon, azimuth about 180° from observer's position. Disappeared--elevation slightly below horizon, azimuth did not change. Object headed downward in a straight vertical path. Instantaneous disappearance below horizon.	11. COMMENTS This object has all characteristics of a meteor. The possibilities of its being the reentry of a satellite were checked and ruled out, due to fact that no event occurred at the hour and date. There is no evidence available which indicates that the object of this sighting was not a meteor.		

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ACTION ADC, 26 ADIV (SAGE), ATIC, AFCIN, SAFIS. UFO REPORT. PER PARAGRAPH 15, AFR 200-2, UFO SIGHTING IS REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. OBJECT DESCRIPTION (1) SPHERE OF VERY BRIGHT LIGHT (2) SIZE OF BASKETBALL (3) ORANGE CENTER WITH BLUE RIM (4) ONE (5) NONE (6) NONE (7) TRAIL OF BLUE FLAME, LENGTH ABOUT THREE TIMES DIAMETER OF OBJECT (8) NO SOUND INVOLVED (9) OBJECT SIMILAR TO SHOOTING STAR BUT MUCH LARGER OR LIKE BURNING BALL. B. COURSE DESCRIPTION: (1) UNUSUAL COLOR, SIZE AND MOVEMENT OF OBJECT IN FIELD OF VIEW FROM COCKPIT OF OBSERVING AIRCRAFT. (2) ANGLE OF ELEVATION

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(3) DEGREES ABOVE HORIZONTAL, AZIMUTH ABOUT 120 DEGREES FROM OBSERVERS POSITION (4) ELEVATION SLIGHTLY BELOW HORIZON, AZIMUTH DID NOT CHANGE (4) OBJECT HEADED DOWNWARD IN A STRAIGHT VERTICAL PATH (5) INSTANTANEOUS DISAPPEARANCE BELOW HORIZON (6) OBSERVED FOR 2 TO 3 SECONDS C. MANNER OBSERVATION: (1) AIR-VISUAL (2) NONE (3) OBSERVED FROM COCKPIT OF RC-121D, AIRCRAFT NUMBER 550131

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23 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZONTAL, AZIMUTH ABOUT 180 DEGREES FROM OBSERVERS POSITION (3) ELEVATION SLIGHTLY BELOW HORIZON, AZIMUTH DID NOT CHANGE (4) OBJECT HEADED DOWNWARD IN A STRAIGHT VERTICAL PATH (5) INSTANTANEOUS DISAPPEARANCE BELOW HORIZON (6) OBSERVED FOR 2 TO 3 SECONES C. MANNER OBSERVATION: (1) AIR-VISUAL (2) NONE (3) OBSERVED FROM COCKPIT OF EC-121D, AIRCRAFT NUMBER 550151 AT 13,000 FEET, TRUE HEADING 240 DEGREES, SPEED 220 KNOTS TAS, HOME STATION OTIS AFB, MASSACHUSETTS. D. TIME AND DATE: (1) 092202Z (2) NIGHT E. LOCATION: 39 DEGREES 15 MINUTES NORTH, 74 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST, ABOUT 620 N. M. EAST OF BALTIMORE. F. OBSERVER: (2) DONALD V. STECK, CAPTAIN, 962 AEW&CON SQ, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, RELIABLE. G. WEATHER AND WINDS: (1) BROKEN CUMULUS, CLEAR VISIBILITY, LIGHT TURBULENCE (2) NOT AVAILABLE (3) TOPS OF CLOUDS 12,000 FT. (4) 30 TO 40 MILES (5) NONE (6) NONE (7) NOT AVAILABLE H. NONE I. NONE J. OBSERVATION MADE IN IMPACT AREA OF WALLOPS ISLAND ROCKET TESTING FACILITY, NO FIRING OF ROCKETS SCHEDULED FOR THIS PERIOD.

K. CAPTAIN KEITH H. MOREHOUSE, WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 551ST AEW&CON WG. COMMENT: NO KNOW ASSOCIATED SIGHTINGS REPORTED. L. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OR PHOTOGRAPHS.

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